

# Controversy Builds Over Cuts to Chinatown Park

Reduced Park Viewed as Second Rate; Reasons for Reductions Shift

By Adam Smith

Chinatown is used to controversy. Whether it's a protest over a planned high-rise apartment

tower, a rally against a new strip club, or a frustrated effort against prostitution and drug sales, the neighborhood has seen its share of unrest. But few would have expected controversy would erupt from the design of a new park. But it has.

Scores of unhappy Chinatown and Leather District

residents aired their concerns and complaints last week at a meeting for Chinatown's proposed park, dubbed Parcel 23D, which will stretch along Surface Artery near the Chinatown gate, from Beach to Essex Streets. The park is in its final stage of design and its highest point of con-

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AARW  
Hires New  
Director

By Adam Smith

Ching-In Chen is a part-time poet, full-time social justice advocate, and the newest addition to the Asian American Resource Workshop's leadership.

Chen, who grew up in the North Shore and recently returned from a three-year stint in San Francisco, has long been



Ching-In Chen



Gaiety Theatre

## Gaiety Ordered Boarded Up

By Adam Smith

At the order of Boston's department of Inspectional Services, the century-old Gaiety Theatre has been boarded up and sealed for rain protection.

But the weather proofing at the defunct theater -- a creation of famed architect Clarence Blackall, designer of the Wang Center and Colonial Theatre -- was not completed until after days of rain had already soaked the city. Inspectional Services ordered the building sealed after the Gaiety's owner, Kensington Investment Co., hired contractors to remove windows and roofing sealant, called flashing,

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## OPINION

## The "Designer Education"

By Liang Qu

Having worked at the Emerson College admissions office through two early-action decision periods and one regular decision period, I have come to develop a great pet peeve for parents who feel a need to do everything for their dear little progenies.

Not that I am bitter because my parents never felt the incessant need to "aid" me in my college application endeavors. Actually, I am quite grateful, for three reasons that they've never bothered.

Reason number one: I didn't want them to "butt in."

Reason number two: the late teenage years are a period when young adults value anyone and everyone's opinions but their parents'. I found my parents' opinion, that an "Ivy-label" education is the make-all and break-all in one's life, slightly laughable.

And finally, reason number three: by allowing me, and only me, to fill out my application forms, write my own essays, compile my own resume, and make my own higher-education choices, I realized that I am the one making the ways in my life. After all, is my mommy really

going to help me fill out the applications to my internships? Is my daddy going to call up Donald Trump and demand an explanation as to why his little girl did not get the CEO position?

Asian parents for the most part are good about taking the hands-off approach to the college admission process. However, most are still very opinionated and dead-set on shoving their children through the doors of Harvard, Yale, Brown, and other Ivy-league what-nots. So once and for all, let me, as someone who is decently experienced in the college decision process, emphasize that an Ivy league degree in your hand is much like a Gucci label on the inside of your sweater: It doesn't really make you a better person and doesn't guarantee a second look from people on the street.

That said, let's examine how we could make the already stressed lives of the college hopefuls a tad less so. For one thing, when it comes to which schools to look at, what majors to declare, the umbilical cord needs to be cut. For there are only two consequences for the over-coddling, or over-nagging the college bound. One:

Over-coddling and doing everything for them, will only make the applicants lazy and irresponsible. (Example: Have you handed in your application yet? I don't know, my mom's doing it.) Two: Over-nagging, constantly "checking in" on their application process will result in the applicants' sky-rocketing stress level and could harbor some resentment towards the parents. (Example: Have you finished your early application to Harvard, Yale, Brown, Princeton, Stanford...? MOM!!! I have finals coming up in all my honors classes next week! Have you brushed up on your SATs, you have another coming up this weekend? DAD!!! I have lines to learn for the lead of the school musical!)

Note to parents: Education is important. No doubt about that. But please keep in mind that the education this time around is not yours, but that of your child's. This is their life, so they must start taking chances and making decisions for themselves. Whether they want the designer education you've decided for them, or should they choose a lesser-known-to-the-world institution, the ultimate decision must be made by the student and not you.



CHINATOWN PHOTO FROM THE PAST

IN THIS 1996 PHOTO, BOSTON LATIN STUDENTS ARE RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE SCHOOL'S ASIAN CULTURES CLUB.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

## Asian American Voters are Part of the New Majority

By Lydia Lowe

Andrea Cabral defeated longtime politician Stephen Murphy in the race for Suffolk County Sheriff in the September 14 Democratic state primary. Her name will now appear on the final election ballot in November unopposed, guaranteeing election.

Cabral credited her victory to increased turnout by communities of color and women. Turnout was

up throughout the Black, Latino, and Asian communities. Cabral did well among Chinese voters, who responded to the New Majority coalition's endorsement, her higher level of experience, and her message of being both tough and smart on crime. At the Quincy School polling station, Cabral beat out Murphy 218:36.

The Chinese Progressive Association

(CPA), which did not endorse any candidate, had particularly targeted three precincts with a high percentage of Chinese residents in Chinatown, South End, and Mission Hill for a voter registration and education campaign this fall. CPA published and distributed bilingual articles about the importance of voting, an information sheet about the two candidates, and a sample ballot for voters to use to mark

their own choices. In addition to distributing literature, CPA organized voter registration tables, a dozen voter education workshops in housing developments, and telephoned voters to tell them about the election.

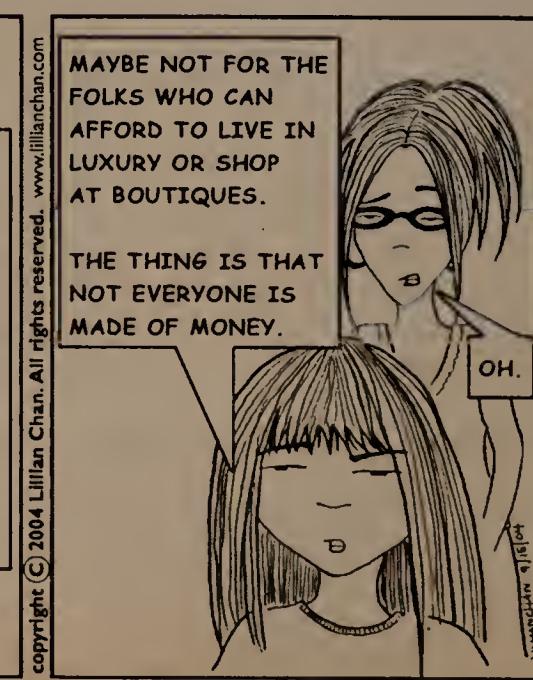
In comparison to the 2000 state primary, turnout increased by 69% at the Quincy School, by 352% at Franklin Institute, and by 66% at Mission

Park. Turnout in this election of few contests was still a small percentage of total registered voters, but higher than the citywide average. The number of registered voters was also up, by as much as 40% in Chinatown.

*The views are solely those of the author.*

## ah-Lin!

by Lillian Chan



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## SAMPAN INTERVIEW Local Asian American Attends RNC

By Adam Smith

Joe Wong, president of Asian Republicans of Massachusetts, was a delegate at the Republican National Convention in New York City. The Sampan spoke about the RNC with Wong, who is now recovering from the week-long event in the Big Apple.

**How did you get the opportunity to attend the RNC?**

I'm an active member of the Needham Republican Town Committee, and the [committee] is a part of the ninth Congressional District, which is made up of a couple of dozen cities and towns. The committee held a "mini-convention" in May to nominate and elect delegates. Someone nominated me because of the work that I had been doing in trying to recruit new Republicans into the party, especially from the Asian American community.

**So what did you do as a delegate?**

Being a delegate is like a full-time job. At 8:30 every morning we had a meeting to be briefed and to get our credentials. We would talk about anything that may come up. For example, a lot of delegates felt that the press was waiting for them to trip up, so they would discuss what was being asked of them by the press and how other delegates answered the questions. During the daytime, we attended conferences and receptions. Then the convention always started at 7:30 in the evening and ended at 11:30 p.m. So by the time we got back to our hotels, it's almost 12:30 a.m., but there were also parties and receptions after the convention. For example, I attended an event hosted by (Arizona Senator) John McCain and former (New York City) Mayor Giuliani, and I didn't get back until 4:30 a.m. and then there was the 8:30 a.m. meeting that I had to be at. I'm still recovering.

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# Study Finds That More Asians Rent Than Own

By Adam Smith

Asian Americans are more likely to rent their homes and less likely to buy than the total population of the United States, according to preliminary results of an upcoming study.

A total of 47% of Asian households rent their homes while only 34% of the general population rents, and Asian American homeownership rates lag by 20% when compared to non-Hispanic whites, according to early results of the study, which was commissioned by the Asian Real Estate Association of America in partnership with the Asian American Studies Center at the University of California in Los Angeles. The full study is due out this fall.

The preliminary data, which was also reported locally in the Aug. 23 issue of *Banker and Tradesman*, contrasts with the Asian American population's dramatic growth in recent years. Asian Americans remain the fastest growing racial population in the U.S., making up 4.5% of the total U.S. population.

The preliminary data

dispels "the model minority myth," said Oscar Gonzales, executive director of the Texas-based Asian Real Estate Association of America.

"It just confirms that while they're viewed as a model minority, there are challenges there too. There are a lot of Asians who don't own their own homes. They don't have cash to put down [on a house] because a lot of them are working class people, just like everybody else."

According to Gonzales, many money lenders and real estate brokers "don't seem to think that there is any issues or problems" when it comes to Asian home buyers because as a whole, Asians have higher median incomes and home ownership rates than other minority groups.

"But what they fail to see is that a lot of those numbers are misconstrued. They're not accurate," said Gonzales, who maintains that the Census numbers tend to be skewed. For example, he said, a Census survey might ask several Asian families who live in the same house if each family owns a home, and each will answer "yes."

even though the "Asian families live in the same home, so the numbers are a little misrepresentative."

Additionally, said Gonzales, Asian families tend to "pool their money together" when home buying. "It would be the income of three working individuals, not just one."

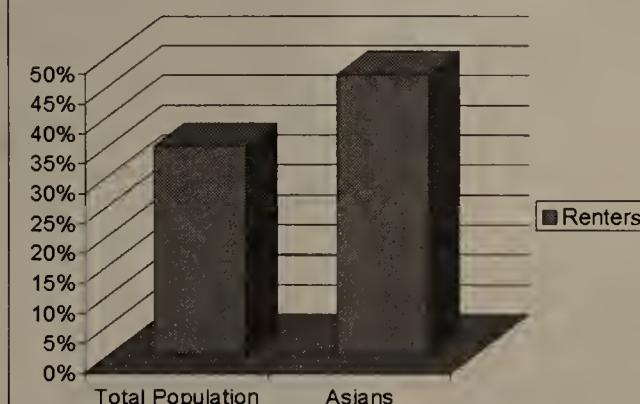
The early results of the study also show that 84% of Asians who do own their homes are tied to some sort of debt, such as a mortgage or a contract-to-purchase, while only 70% of the general population has a mortgage or similar debt.

"People will say 'Asians pay cash for their house,'" said Gonzales. "Well, not necessarily." He noted that Asians tend to live in cities where housing is expensive, such as San Francisco, New York and Boston.

Unlike the trends of home ownership rates of other minorities, the trend for Asians is that things will actually get worse. Fewer Asians, according to Gonzales, will own their own homes by 2020, though more Hispanics and Africans will.

"Part of that is because of the quality of the immi-

Renters: Asians Compared to Total Population



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grant that's coming in," he said, adding that more refugees and poor immigrants, who take low paying, low-skill jobs, are entering the country.

"The new Asian immigrant is not the high, \$75,000-median-income earner. In fact, it's significantly lower. So, what you're going to see is that home ownership rates [will] start to drop."

Locally, a study by the

Institute of Asian American Studies at the University of Massachusetts in Boston shows that home ownership among Asians in Massachusetts also lags behind the total population of the state. Michael Liu of the institute said that the preliminary study results by the Asian Real Estate Association of America

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# Asian American Resource Workshop Introduces New Executive Director

By Yuet Ng

The Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) introduced its new director on September 9 at a party at the Cassava Lounge in Boston. Members of the organization as well as non-members got the chance to meet the new director, Ching-In Chen, for the first time in an informal setting in the rear of the tea lounge.

The AARW is a membership organization that seeks to promote community, identity, and social justice through education, advocacy, and arts and culture. Major programs held throughout the year include the Annual Boston Asian American Film Festival, which showcases the work of national and international Asian filmmakers; Eating History, a political education program; and The Sticky Rice Project, which provides interactive antiracist education workshops.

Susan Chinsen, co-president of AARW, who had a direct influence on the hiring of both the previous director, Eun-Joung Lee, and the new director, Chen, said that Lee vacated the position to attend graduate school. Chinsen chose Chen for the position because "she's really active, conscientious [and] passionate about her work...and everyone had



Chen meets and greets at AARW open house

great reviews about her." She added: "[Chen] has totally hit the ground running...she's had to fill huge shoes."

Chinsen introduced Chen to the crowd at the open house. Chen, who grew up in the North Shore area, described how she became involved in Asian American activism when she joined YouthWrites, an anti-violence program for Asian American youths, in the early '90s. "I wouldn't be where I am right now if it hadn't been for

YouthWrites. It helped set me on the path to social justice. I strongly believe in activism. I believe education is a good way for people to learn about the community."

Chen, who writes poetry, read her works to the crowd.

Jana Reed, a member of AARW for three years, said of Chen: "The new director has clarity and vision and my hope is that she will continue to bring together Asian Americans."

Upcoming AARW

Photo by Yuet Ng

events include the Sticky Rice workshop at the Boston Asian Students Intercollegiate (BASIC) Conference on October 2, poetry reading with Kelly Tsai on October 8, and the AARW 25th Anniversary Celebration on October 16 at the Artists for Humanity's EpiCenter, which highlights a reception, silent auction, live and multimedia performances, and interviews from several committee members.

## AARW'S New Director, Ching-In Chen

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involved in social work, community organizing, and promoting poetry performances. Now she will direct the 25-year-old Chinatown non-profit, working with volunteers, interns and directors to maintain and expand programming as well as help increase funding. The Asian American Resource Workshop, or AARW, works to empower the Asian Pacific American community and document the histories and experiences of Asian Americans.

While Chen's role at AARW is new, her involvement with the non-

profit isn't. As a teen during the mid-1990s, she was involved with AARW's "SafetyNet" program, YouthWrites.

"I have a love for this organization because I don't think I would be where I am now if I hadn't gone to YouthWrites," she said.

Chen more or less stumbled upon the program while in high school, she said, after a guidance counselor introduced her to the Asian youth group CAPAY.

CAPAY, she said: "was really my first introduction to anything Asian and Asian American, because I

had never really thought of myself as Asian American. I had just thought of myself as American or Chinese, either or."

According to Chen, her high school had only about five Asian American students.

Chen attended Tufts University and in 1999 graduated with a bachelor of arts in International Relations and English. After college, she joined Americorps., which took her through the Midwest, tutoring in reading and literacy and working with at-risk young women. Next she moved to California, where she worked at Chinese for Affirmative Action, which promotes equal employment opportunities for Chinese Americans.

While in the Bay Area, Chen became active in poetry and performing arts, organizing a monthly open mic night for Asian Americans, called "Mango Mic."

This summer she returned to Boston and took on her new position at AARW. She said she's noticed many of the same struggles are faced by

Asians in California and in Boston.

"I feel like a lot of the issues here are a lot like [what I was working on] in the Bay Area. So I definitely feel very connected," she said.

At AARW, Chen said, she hopes to focus more on community activism and combine it with arts programs.

"I would like to keep our arts and culture education programming. But I would also like to move it back a little bit to [include] more activism," she said.

Additionally, Chen hopes AARW can start "movement building" in which different groups with the same goals network and collaborate to rally around common issues.

She said she feels that segments of the Asian American population disproportionately face difficulties finding housing and good jobs and other such opportunities.

"I think that my goal is to really work to ensure that our voice is heard and to really fight to make some of these things better."



At the RNC: Joe Wong (right) with guest Yoke Wong (left) also of Asian Republicans of Massachusetts

## Interview With Joe Wong, RNC Delegate

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from the convention. It's actually very physical -- as much physical as emotional. It was work.

Besides the hard work, what did you think of the actual event?

It was the experience of a life time. It was very inspiring. You know how at school there are always some kids who are not part of the "in crowd" and finally they get invited to the big dance? It felt like that (chuckles).

Who do you think gave the best speech?

Gee, it's hard to say. They were all good. McCain's speech was very statesman-like. If I was in his position, that's how I would want to speak. And Giuliani is Giuliani -- he gets his points across but in the process he entertains, he makes you laugh, he makes you think, and he makes you feel. And then Arnold

Schwarzenegger, he's just incomparable. His speech was about how in America an ordinary man who has a big dream can see it come true. He was [also] stressing the importance of immigrants to this country and how the Republican Party has embraced diversity. He's just so charming. But at the same time, I was especially proud of our governor and lieutenant governor. The fact that they were invited to speak reflects their rising national profiles.

Some people feel that the Democratic party has been more successful at recruiting minorities. What do you think about that?

That's just it. That's a problem. They're taking their success for granted. The Democratic Party, right now,

is so layered that political access is brokered. I'm not afraid to say that in the [local] Chinese community that most Chinese are

Democrats, but yet only [a couple of] people have all the political access. [But] the Republican party is offering everybody the opportunity to own a piece of the franchise, directly. I'm Joe Wong, president of Asian Republicans of Massachusetts, but that does not mean that [others can] not also be prominent. All they have to do is just participate, and they will have as much access as I do. Right now, the Democratic party seems to have a lot of success with minorities, but it's not as good as you think. It's brokered. Why go to a broker, when you can own a piece of the franchise directly?

What is the Asian Republicans of Massachusetts doing to try to recruit more members?

Well, Greer Tan Swiston [who is running for State Representative in Newton], her campaign is already exciting and bringing us to the attention of a lot of people. That's one way. We also are trying to work closely with Republicans in the Vietnamese community and Republicans in the Cambodian community in Lowell. And on top of that, we have also been meeting with members of new immigrant communities, like the Russian community, the Ethiopian community, to explain to them what we are all about.

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## Housing Study Shows More Asians Are Renters

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come as no surprise.

"Even though Asian American homeownership rates are higher relative to African Americans and Latinos, they are lower than whites. And since [whites] still constitute the great majority in this country, Asian American homeownership rates would be lower than the general population," said Liu.

A recently released study by the Institute for Asian American Studies shows that the rate of home ownership among Asians in Massachusetts hovers around 40% while the rate for the total population in the state is above 60%.

One reason for the lower home ownership rates, said Liu, is that the Asian American popula-

tion tends to be younger than the white population. "Just a small percentage of them have reached the age where they can save enough money to own homes," he said.

Another contributing factor, said Liu, is that a segment of the Asian population is made up of new immigrants, who are less established. "If you're coming [in] as the traditional image of an immigrant, which there's still a certain population that comes in like that...then you obviously have to work many years and be able to save to buy a house." However, Liu noted that some Asian immigrants are educated and wealthy professionals.

Another reason why fewer Asians buy homes than whites in

Massachusetts, said Liu, is because they tend to live in urban areas where housing prices are higher.

In the study by the institute, home ownership rates are broken down by subgroup, showing that some Asian populations are more likely to own a home than others. For example, the Chinese are more likely to own a home in Massachusetts than other Asian subgroups. Yet Japanese are the least likely to own a home in Massachusetts, the study shows. Liu suspects this is

because many Japanese living in the area are likely international students.

"That population would not be inclined to buy a home," he said.

As for the high rate of Chinese who buy homes, Liu said that Chinese have the "oldest population" of the Asian subgroups. If you look at the elderly population, the Chinese are the only [subgroup] to have a significant percentage that's over 65," he said. "You have to be a certain age before you can think about buying a home."

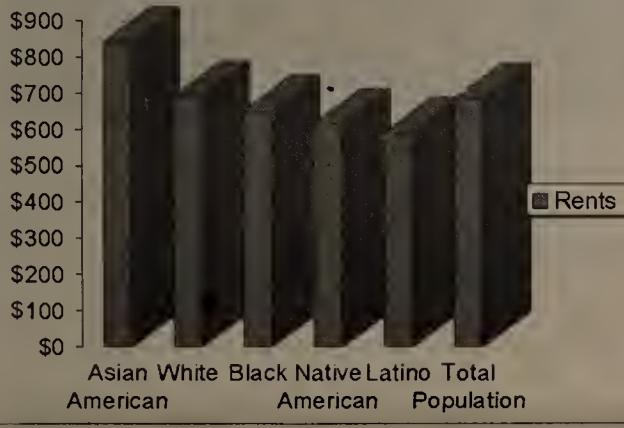
Though Asians are less likely to own a home in Massachusetts, they are more likely to pay high rents. While the median gross monthly rent for all of the Bay State's renters is \$684, while the median rent for Asians is \$839. Cambodians pay the least of all Asians, with a median rent of \$602, while Japanese pay the most, \$1,069. Chinese pay a median gross rent of \$781.

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The RFP will be available at the Boston Connects office on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>.

For more information call Sherry O'Brien at 617-541-2676 or [Sherry.Obrien.BCI@ci.boston.ma.us](mailto:Sherry.Obrien.BCI@ci.boston.ma.us)

Responses to this RFP are due at our office by 5:00PM on Monday October 18, 2004.



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## AACA President Receives Internal Channel Award

Mary Chin, president of the Asian American Civic Association, received the International Channel Networks' "Vision in America" award.

The International Channel gave Chin the award on September 13 at a celebration at the Boston Harbor Hotel, which included a screening of "In America -- The Cupertino Story," a documentary to be aired this month and next.

Chin, a licensed social worker for 25 years, is the director of social work, the clinic director of outpatient behavioral health services, and director of pastoral



Mary Chin of the Asian American Civic Association

care at Boston Medical Center, where she has worked for 18 years.

Chin, who is the president of AACA's board of directors, has worked with the Chinatown non-profit

for two decades. AACA assists immigrants with counseling, English education, immigration help and job skills training. It also publishes the Sampan.

## Chinatown Park Cuts Opposed

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tention.

The major reason for controversy is that several key features of the park have been quietly slashed this summer, as reported earlier in the Sampan. A splash fountain was reduced to a misting fountain; several towering pylons with flags were replaced with light posts, and a structure representing a giant lantern was cut. Stephanie Fan and Dave Seeley, leaders of a city advisory committee for the park, argue that the cuts and reductions are due to bad budgeting by the park's provider, the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. Members of the Turnpike Authority and its contracted design team, Carol R. Johnson and Associates, however, claim that the changes are due to preference and practicality, not dollars.

Adding to the unease over the new plans for a trimmed down park, Carol R. Johnson and Associates announced at this week's meeting that parts of the park will be rearranged to make room for several manholes that weren't originally planned for the park. According to the Turnpike Authority, utility and steam lines currently run under the park's pro-

posed site. These lines are "immovable," according to Bill Taylor of Carol R. Johnson and Associates, and the manholes would require the relocation of the park's fountain that was planned near Edinboro Street. The need to place manholes on the park was never discussed during previous design meetings with the public.

Defending the switch from a fountain with splashing or re-circulating water to a misting fountain, Taylor said it would provide "truly a fun spray of water" in which park patrons wouldn't get "drenched" as they could in a splash fountain. Additionally, he said, a misting fountain was more "culturally relevant" whereas splash fountains were based on French and Italian designs.

"I couldn't imagine seeing a fountain with jets and thinking that it's Italian," said Seeley, a Leather District resident. Original designs for the park included a traditional splash fountain, not a misting one. Seeley and Fan contend that the reason the splash fountain was replaced was because of poor budgeting. They maintained that the original fountain was to be a central attraction and argued that it would pro-

vide a place for children to play and would create splashing sounds that would drown out traffic and other city noise.

Several area residents said they also preferred a fountain.

"I would like the original fountain. I don't like the misting fountain," said Rosemary Yee Lam, a Chinatown business owner.

Taylor's reasons to support the misting fountain contrasted with reasoning given earlier in the summer by E. Fred Yalouris of the Turnpike Authority. Yalouris had said that "people...were really against the fountain" and that customers of nearby businesses could get sprayed by it if there was just "a little change of wind."

As for the pylons, Taylor claimed that they had no function, would be visually distracting, and

## Dragons at Boston's Arts Fest



A child tries out a dragon costume at the Boston Arts Festival on Sept. 12.

Photo by Yuet Ng

would hide the Chinatown gate. "There are so many different vertical [structures]," he said. "It's almost as if we've conspired to hide the Chinatown gate."

Fan and Seeley, however, said the reason the pylons were cut was because of a lack of funding. The towering pylons with flags, they said, would provide welcoming markers to Chinatown.

Yalouris had defended dropping the pylons at a meeting earlier this summer, saying that "a lot of people did not like them."

A number of area residents appeared to support the pylons, however, saying that they would add color in the grey winter

months when the park's greens turn to drab browns.

The lantern that was slashed from the proposal would have covered a highway structure, allowing drivers of the Central Artery Tunnel an emergency escape. Without the lantern, the escape structure interrupts the park, said Fan and Seeley.

Chinatown's proposed park, which is a little under an acre in size, is one of three so-called "signature" parks that will be constructed on surface parcels created as seg-

ments of I-93 go underground in highway tunnels. The other two parks, which are several times larger, are in the Wharf District and the North End. After showing images of larger parks with giant splashing fountains proposed for the North End and the Wharf District, Seeley said the reductions to the Chinatown park downgrade it from an "extraordinary signature" park to just a "nice" park.

"We don't want to be a poor cousin" to the other two parks, added Fan. "We want to be a baby sister."

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# Gaiety Controversy

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for asbestos abatement.

Once theater preservationists hoping to save the building discovered several missing windows in late August, they called on Inspectional Services to investigate the work at the theater, spurring the department to slap the building with a stop work order, which still remains posted.

Though the department said it has halted further work at the building, it has not yet declared if Kensington violated any laws by removing the windows or flashing. The department, however, did issue a citing for "unsafe maintenance," because the windows were left removed and open, leaving the building open to trespassers and weather, according to John Dorsey, Inspectional Service's assistant director for policy and communication.

The Gaiety's owner, Kensington Investment Co., which plans to build a 30-story apartment tower where the Gaiety now stands, declined to comment.

Preservationists had feared that Kensington

was secretly attempting to destroy the historic theater by leaving it open, unsealed and vulnerable to water damage. Dorsey said that the preservationists' fears are "completely unfounded." But Kensington has not yet applied for a demolition permit, which is required to demolish the theater, and some observers question why Inspectional Services would issue a stop work order and not say if violations occurred.

The stop work order for the window and flashing removal was issued on Sept. 1. On September 7, Inspectional Services spokeswoman Lisa Timberlake told the Sampan that all weather-proofing was to be completed before a predicted rainstorm the next day, but no work started until September 8, after heavy showers had already begun drenching the city.

"It's raining and they had a week to do it," said Shirley Kressel, vice president of the Alliance of Boston Neighborhoods, as she stood outside the Gaiety. "They're demolishing it [by exposing it to rain]," she said.

There appears to be

some confusion surrounding what Kensington would need to do to continue removing windows from the theater. Last week Dorsey said Kensington would either need to apply for a full-demolition permit or receive permission from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Boston Landmarks Commission. Kensington wrote to the two commissions on September 3 requesting their directors allow work on the Gaiety to continue. Kressel, however, claimed that neither of the commissions have any authority over the issue, and that it should be in the hands of Inspectional Services. A spokeswoman for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, speaking on behalf of the Landmarks Commission, confirmed on Wednesday that the commission wouldn't have a say in the window removal, and on Thursday Dorsey said he would "defer" to what the BRA spokeswoman had said.

"There's confusion about the process here," said Kressel. "And if there's confusion, the laws may not be upheld. I just



Old photo of the Gaiety on its opening night in 1908.

From GaietyBoston.com

hope the laws get obeyed because the laws protect the theatre."

Kensington has said it can move forward with demolition of the Gaiety after obtaining a demolition permit, but theater preservationists say the developer hasn't met all requirements needed to take down the theater. They claim that a clause in the zoning governing the district where the theater is located would block Kensington's plans to raze the Gaiety. The clause states that the Inspectional Services Department "shall

not issue a change of use or occupancy permit for any theater within the Midtown Cultural District Plan," except under certain conditions. The Gaiety is included in the Midtown Cultural District Plan.

Kensington has claimed that the clause does not apply to the Gaiety because the use of the theater had been changed, though preservationists dispute this claim.

Kensington faces lawsuits attempting to prevent the construction of its proposed building. A coalition of neighborhood groups

and Boston City Councilors are challenging the city's granting of a zoning designation that will allow Kensington to build 30 stories. The Glass Slipper, which is on the site of the proposed building and would be displaced by the tower, is also suing to block the project.

A group of theater preservationists, known as the Friends of the Gaiety Theatre, has hoped to stop the planned demolition of the Gaiety, which is not a landmarked building, and have it restored.

## RANDOM RESTAURANT REVIEW

# A Victorious Lunch: Victoria's Seafood

By Dennis The

Victoria's Seafood Restaurant has become Brighton's prominent Chinese restaurant, with patrons consisting of hordes of Boston University students, young professionals, and families. Though Victoria Seafood is located on busy Commonwealth Ave., its bustling location and difficult parking has not deterred many from frequenting the busy Chinese restaurant. Victoria's prices are cheap and the food is good and worth the wait.

Step into Victoria's recently renovated dining room and you will find that the interior is bigger than it looks. Victoria Seafood looks like a gener-

ic Chinese restaurant: storefront, glass on top of cheap tablecloths, drink coolers, large circular tables in back and booths for more comfortable sitting.

Frog porridge (\$6.00), deep-fried crispy pork intestine (\$8.50), beef with black pepper on sizzling platter (\$9.95), jellyfish with pork thigh meat (\$8.95), poached chicken with ginger and scallions (\$8.50) and roast duck (\$8.95) — these are just some of the 247 appetizers and entrees (not counting the specials) on the menu at Victoria Seafood Restaurant. Much can also be said of the seafood variety that is available here. Canada clam with black bean sauce (\$9.50), seafood

in nest (\$11.95), soft shell crab in spicy salt, deep fried (\$9.95), stir fried rock crab with ginger and scallions (\$8.95), oysters with black pepper on sizzling platter (\$9.95), steamed sea bass (\$8.00) and shrimp and scallop with black pepper (\$9.50) is among the fresh seafood served here — certain to get the palate working in overdrive. Chances are, you'll never order all of them, but, in a way, it's nice to know all those choices exist. Many Chinese restaurants will adjust to mainstream tastes, sacrificing the chef's favorite jellyfish for another variation of sweet-and-sour.

If you are really on a budget, or if you are just confused about what to

order for you and your party, it might be wise to try one of the set menus. Depending on the size of your party, there are set menus offered that usually include the classic favorites combined with lobster and a vegetable dish. The only drawback is that the set menu is in Chinese, so unless you can read traditional Chinese characters, you would have to ask for a translation. And keep in mind, that any item is interchangeable, for a small fee.

According to the owners, the most popular dish by far is the twin lobster special (\$12.95).

Advertised in the front window along with the cheap lunch specials (popular with the local BU stu-

dents), which are priced from as little as \$4.25 which includes an appetizer, entree, and either rice, scallion lo mein, or soup, this banner is what grabs your attention at the "T" stop on Babcock Street.

Available either with ginger and scallions or black pepper, the lobster arrives cut into deceptively simple pieces that can be difficult to maneuver. Although the meat tends to be thinly coated with starch, the sauce is subtly complimentary and the meat is done perfectly. It's a big, colorful dish, easily shared, which is what Chinese food is all about.

For dessert, complimentary slices of orange that arrive with the check are the best after-dinner

sweet that you would never think of ordering. The service is inconsistent but always friendly, making Victoria's the perfect place for a cheap Chinese lunch or an exotic seafood adventure.

There have been rumblings of a slow decline in the quality of Victoria's food over the years. I also think the food used to be better and more consistent. But, that said, Victoria's is still an excellent value.

*Victoria's Seafood Restaurant, 1029 Commonwealth Ave., Boston*

*Open Daily: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.*

## Events Calendar

### FILM

Boston's Asian American Independent Film Festival "Silk Screen" will show at MIT September 24-25. Included are feature films and guests from: "Close Call" and "Take Out" "Charlotte Sometimes. Also featuring: Chris Vu, Robin Lang, Sophia Moon, and the Francis Kim band. The location is Kirkland M41, 287 Kirkland Mail Center, Cambridge. Call (617) 493-2621.

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### ONGOING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

*The Chinatown Neighborhood*

*Council* meets every third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Saint James the Greater Church in Chinatown.

*The Chinatown Resident Association* meets every first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Josiah Quincy School in Chinatown.

*The Chinatown Safety Committee* meets every first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the DoubleTree Hotel in Chinatown.

## Health Corner

## Keep Your Heart Healthy: Take a Cholesterol Quiz

Article funded by the Asian Health Initiative of Tufts-New England Medical Center

By Diana Norian

September is National Cholesterol Education Month. This health topic is important to people of all ages and all ethnic backgrounds. One out of every two men and one out of every three women will develop heart disease sometime in their life, according to the National Institutes of Health's NHLB (National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute). You can reduce your risk of having a heart attack by lowering your cholesterol level.

Take this True/ False quiz to see what your cholesterol and heart disease knowledge is and take steps to improve your health, beginning today!

Circle each true or false. The answers follow.

T F 1. High blood cholesterol is one of the risk factors for heart disease that you can do something about.

T F 2. To lower your blood cholesterol level you must stop eating meat altogether.

T F 3. Any blood cholesterol level below 240 mg/dL is desirable for adults.

T F 4. Fish oil supplements are recommended to lower blood cholesterol.

T F 5. To lower your blood cholesterol level you should eat less saturated fat, total fat, and cholesterol, and lose weight if you are overweight.

T F 6. Saturated fats raise your

blood cholesterol level more than anything else in your diet.

T F 7. All vegetable oils help lower blood cholesterol levels.

T F 8. Lowering blood cholesterol levels can help people who have already had a heart attack.

T F 9. All children need to have their blood cholesterol levels checked.

T F 10. Women don't need to worry about high blood cholesterol and heart disease.

T F 11. Reading food labels can help you eat the heart healthy way.

**Answers to the Cholesterol and Heart Disease I.Q. Quiz**

1. True. High blood cholesterol is one of the risk factors for heart disease that a person can do something about. High blood pressure, cigarette smoking, diabetes, overweight, and physical inactivity are the others.

2. False. Although some red meat is high in saturated fat and cholesterol, which can raise your blood cholesterol, you do not need to stop eating it or any other single food. Red meat is an important source of protein, iron, and other vitamins and minerals.

You should, however, cut back on the amount of saturated fat and cholesterol that you eat. One way to do this is by choosing lean cuts of meat with the fat trimmed. Another way is to watch your portion sizes and eat no more than 6 ounces of meat a day. Six ounces is about the size of two decks of playing cards.

3. False. A total blood cholesterol level of under 200 mg/dL is

desirable and usually puts you at a lower risk for heart disease.

A blood cholesterol level of 240 mg/dL is high and increases your risk of heart disease. If your cholesterol level is high, your doctor will want to check your level of LDL-cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol). A HIGH level of LDL-cholesterol increases your risk of heart disease, as does a LOW level of HDL-cholesterol ("good" cholesterol). An HDL-cholesterol level below 35 mg/dL is considered a risk factor for heart disease. A total cholesterol level of 200-239 mg/dL is considered borderline-high and usually increases your risk for heart disease. All adults 20 years of age or older should have their blood cholesterol level checked at least once every 5 years.

4. False. Fish oils are a source of omega-3 fatty acids, which are a type of polyunsaturated fat. Fish oil supplements generally do not reduce blood cholesterol levels. Also, the effect of the long-term use of fish oil supplements is not known. However, fish is a good food choice because it is low in saturated fat.

5. True. Eating less fat, especially saturated fat, and cholesterol can lower your blood cholesterol level. Generally your blood cholesterol level should begin to drop a few weeks after you start on a cholesterol-lowering diet. How much your level drops depends on the amounts of saturated fat and cholesterol you used to eat, how high your blood cholesterol is, how much weight you lose if you are overweight, and how your body responds to the changes you make. Over time, you may reduce your blood cholesterol level by 10-50 mg/dL or even more.

6. True. Saturated fats raise your

blood cholesterol level more than anything else. So, the best way to reduce your cholesterol level is to cut back on the amount of saturated fats that you eat. These fats are found in largest amounts in animal products such as butter, cheese, whole milk, ice cream, cream, and fatty meats. They are also found in some vegetable oils—coconut, palm, and palm kernel oils.

7. False. Most vegetable oils—canola, corn, olive, safflower, soybean, and sunflower oils—contain mostly monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats, which help lower blood cholesterol when used in place of saturated fats. However, a few vegetable oils—coconut, palm, and palm kernel oils—contain more saturated fat than unsaturated fat.

A special kind of fat, called "trans fat," is formed when vegetable oil is hardened to become margarine or shortening, through a process called "hydrogenation." The harder the margarine or shortening, the more likely it is to contain more trans fat. Choose margarine containing liquid vegetable oil as the first ingredient. Just be sure to limit the total amount of any fats or oils, since even those that are unsaturated are rich sources of calories.

8. True. People who have had one heart attack are at much higher risk for a second attack. Reducing blood cholesterol levels can greatly slow down (and, in some people, even reverse) the buildup of cholesterol and fat in the wall of the coronary arteries and significantly reduce the chances of a second heart attack. If you have had a heart attack or have coronary disease, your LDL level should be around 100 mg/dL which is even lower than the recommended level of less than 130 mg/dL for the general population.

9. False. Children from "high risk"

families, in which a parent has high blood cholesterol (240 mg/dL or above) or in which a parent or grandparent has had heart disease at an early age (at 55 years or younger), should have their cholesterol levels tested. If a child from such a family has a cholesterol level that is high, it should be lowered under medical supervision, primarily with diet, to reduce the risk of developing heart disease as an adult. For most children, who are not from high-risk families, the best way to reduce the risk of adult heart disease is to follow a low saturated fat, low cholesterol eating pattern. All children over the age of 2 years and all adults should adopt a heart healthy eating pattern as a principal way of reducing coronary heart disease.

10. False. Blood cholesterol levels in both men and women begin to go up around age 20. Women before menopause have levels that are lower than men of the same age. After menopause, a women's LDL-cholesterol level goes up—and so her risk for heart disease increases. For both men and women, heart disease is the number one cause of death.

11. True. Food labels have been changed. Look on the nutrition label for the amount of saturated fat, total fat, cholesterol, and total calories in a serving of the product. Use this information to compare similar products. Also, look for the list of ingredients. Here, the ingredient in the greatest amount is first and the ingredient in the least amount is last. So to choose foods low in saturated fat or total fat, go easy on products that list fats or oil first, or that list many fat and oil ingredients.

Quiz provided by the National Cholesterol Education Program of The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

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# 美國2004年大選知多少

問：在2000年舉行的上屆總統選舉中，布希和高爾勝負難分。上次這種投票極其接近的情況會對2004年大選的戰術戰略產生什麼影響？

答：2000年總統選舉是在由最高法院以5票對4票決定終止在佛羅里達州重計選票後定出勝負的。2000年選舉結果的重要意義在於，它再次證實了一個最根本的現實：我們國家的民主黨和共和黨勢力旗鼓相當，在每一個層次的民選政府以及在個體選民中，兩黨幾乎都是勢均力敵。

所以我認為，在戰略上，兩黨都會把2004年大選作為一場實力接近的選舉來對待。

兩黨都認識到動員本黨的核心支持者參加投票將會有多麼重要。雙方都會為動員選民投票做出巨大努力。我想人們將看到一種極有意思的轉變，即選舉資源將被從電視宣傳廣告更多地轉用到落實選民和動員投票方面，儘管仍然會有不少宣傳廣告。兩黨和各自的同盟利益集團將投入巨資，以動員擁護本黨的選民前往投票站投票。

民主黨很可能會利用其核心支持者對2000年佛羅里達州計票結果的不滿情緒，激發他們參加投票。但值得記住的是，在2002年的國會中期選舉中，共和黨在動員選民投票方面占了上風。他們對共和黨選民的動員比較成功，在很大程度上，這是他們取得中期選舉勝利的原因。

問：資金對總統競選的結果會有那麼大的作用嗎？

答：資金對有些選舉或在某些情況會下，會比對另一些選舉或在另一些情況下來得更重要。在競選聯邦眾議員、參議員和競選州長時，資金的作用極其重要，因為對大多數參選人來說，要讓選民了解自己，真正得到機會打破默默無聞的狀況，是需要大量資金的。

在爭取贏得總統候選人提名的過程中，資金也很重要。在這個階段，多數候選人知名度相對較低，他們需要有資金宣傳自己和自己的政綱，並且建立組織。在大選中，資金的重要性相對減小，因為到了這個重要的競爭階段，會有一定程度的免費的媒體關注，會有電視轉播的辯論。選民大多從自己的政黨傾向出發來審視候選人。不過，在實力接近的選舉中，資金仍然對能否爭取到微弱優勢而取勝起決定作用。

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# 新任亞裔文化中心執行主任陳慶怡利用豐富的社區經驗為弱勢團體爭取權益

新任亞裔文化中心執行主任陳慶怡生長在麻州北濱，是一個詩人及社會公義創導者。

陳慶怡三年前搬到加州，期間參與三藩市華人權益促進會的社區工作及弱勢族群權益的提升工作。如今陳回到麻州，將領導亞裔文化中心，這個在華埠有二十五年歷史的非牟利機構。陳表示，將盡執行主任的職責，與義工、實習生及主任們合作一起維持中心功能，並設法籌到更多的經費。

亞裔文化中心的宗旨在提升亞太裔的地位及為亞裔的經驗及歷史編成證明文件。

雖然陳慶怡是亞裔文化中心剛上位的執行主任，但是陳與亞裔文化中心的接觸可以追溯到十年前。一九九零年代中期，當時還不到二十歲的陳慶怡參與亞裔文化中心的安全網計劃 (SafetyNet program)。陳慶怡表示，「我對這個機構有一份特別的熱愛。我在想若不是當初加入亞裔文化中心安全網計劃，就不會有今日的我。」

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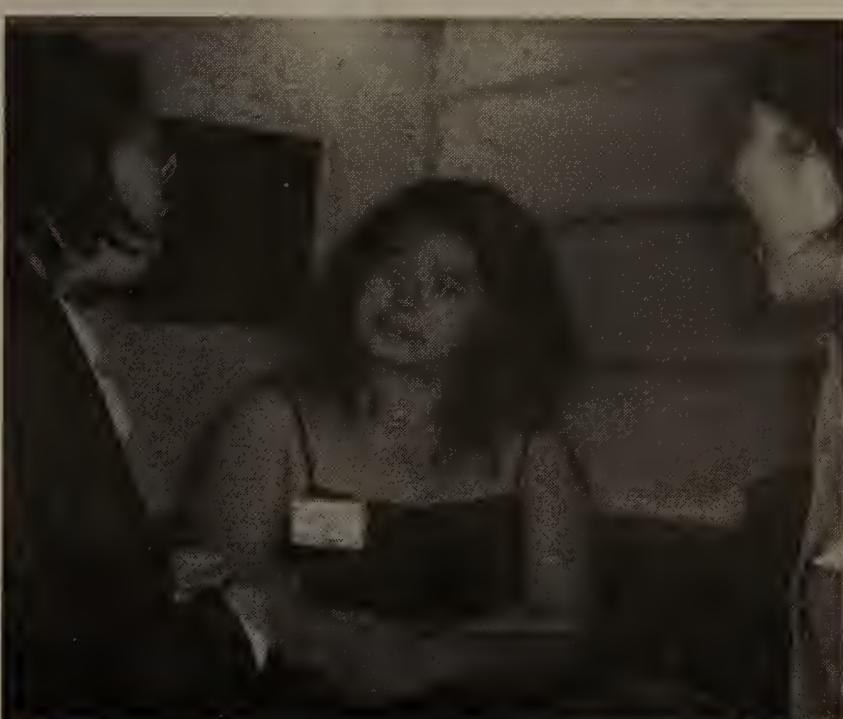
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(圖中：亞裔文化中心執行主任陳慶怡)

人促進會及其他扶助弱勢團體的組織工作，從中得到許多寶貴的經驗。包括抵制一條有損華人形象及弱勢團體權

制法案的通過。陳表示，「波士頓地區的亞裔及弱勢族群有許多相同或相似的遭遇。讓我覺得所面對的問題非常熟悉。」亞裔文化中心長久以來致力於藝術教育，陳希望能著重社區動力及藝術計劃。

她表示，「上一任的執行主任有許多非常好的建樹，將會繼續發揚光大，並增加一些大家所喜歡的活動。各式和亞裔文化有關的活動都會找機會舉辦。」陳也希望不斷有新會員加入，計劃與其他少數民族、弱勢團體及婦女團體建立更好的關係。



(原文：史亞當；翻譯：張孟筠)

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## 八字合婚法

有一位姓陳的小姐到來我辦事處問我，她認識一位朋友已有一年多了，如果同他結婚好或唔好，從手提袋中拿出她朋友的相片給我看。

陳小姐！如果一對男女合婚，結為夫婦，不是從一張相片就會知道的，一定要用先師所遺留下來的經典「子平命理」將男女兩人的出生年、月、日、時辰，起出八字來推算，這是男女合婚的其中之第一個條件，還要配合其他因素始可斷言吉凶。

以我這麼多年來同客人算命，所得來的經驗，都要起出男女雙方的出生日天干稱為日元，在八字中又稱為「夫妻宮」，若男女雙方的八字夫妻宮犯了相？、相刑、或相害，都難得美滿的婚姻，夫唱婦隨、舉？齊眉，兩方面相處不長久，都在夫妻宮中推算出來，所以要平心靜氣來推算，免得一子錯滿盤皆落索。

例如，一對男女合婚，男方是弱木命，則應配強水命的女性為妻，才可令雙方在命局上的五行氣變得中和而有情呀！我敢斷言一定是美好的姻緣。

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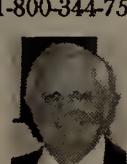
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當天的活動包括風箏自由放飛、特別風箏表演、文化活動、生日放飛、週年紀念放飛及風箏寄情。中華多媒體交流會表示，將如你的生日是在本活動的其中一日，同星期一或月，主辦單位將送給你一支風箏當禮物，並安排為你唱生日快樂歌。詳情請洽中華多媒體交流會 617-416-0012

• 「摩頓多元文化藝術節」將於九月十八日(星期六)上午十點至下午二點於摩頓市政府(Malden City Hall)後面的廣場及街道舉行。活動現場有八十個商家及社區團體攤位。活動內容包括多元文化的食物品嘗、青年手工藝術觀摩、兒童育樂活動、室外音樂會等等。主辦單位歡迎民眾擁躍參加，一同歡樂。

## 【教育消息】

• 華美福利會成人英文班新班將於十月六日開學，即日起開始招生。入學分班測驗定於九月二十日(星期一)及九月二十七日(星期一)上午九點舉行，地點是華美總部 (200 Tremont Street) 四號教室。

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• 夏特(Schott)基金會日前於華埠舉辦說明會，宣布將開辦 2005 年夏特幼童看護及教育研究課程，以促進少數族裔兒童教育公共政策。參與該課程者，可獲得五千元獎學金。

即將開辦的研究課程內容，包括輔導幼童由托兒所走向幼稚園、幼童學習上文化及語言差異之解決對策，及家長如何在幼童教育上有效扮演提倡者角色。該會歡迎對這些議題的公共政策或解決方案有興趣者踴躍申請。申請日期至九月三十日截止，該教育研究為一年免費課程，申請者須經過評選，僅錄取 12 人，入選者在參加一年課程後，每人可領取五千元獎學金。參加者必須具有兒童專業相關經驗，並熟知兒童教育公共政策。

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## 【藝術展覽】

• 波士頓女畫家楊澍與二十七名學生的師生聯展將於九月十八日至十月三日止，在劍橋市三佛中心 (50 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge) 展出。畫展開幕招待會訂九月十八日下午五至七時舉行。

楊澍表示，首次辦師生聯展，參與的 27 名學生是她在美術館學校、波士頓美術館、三佛中心，及私人畫室開課導的學生，泰半是非華裔。他們的學齡從一個月至五年不等，除了兩位長期學畫的學生展出兩幅作品外，每人以一幅作品參展。參展作品中，一半是水墨畫，另一半是油彩、丙烯、印刷等類畫作。

展覽開放時間為周一至周日的上午十時至下午六時，周一不開放。查詢可洽：(617) 547-6670。

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該社表示，此次演出由馬國峰指導，並邀請多位文娛界協同表演，節目豐富，還有禮物抽獎助慶。票價六元，老人半價，售票處包括金門超市、恒業地產(華埠泰勒街 6 號 2 樓)、Neo 髮廊(昆士市興國街 672 號)。查詢電話 (617) 653-5345。

• 文協青少年國樂團將於九月十八日(星期六)中午十二時到下午二時，在文華人活動中心 (437 Cherry St., West Newton, MA) 試新團員。

該團團長歐陽東美表示，歡迎會吹笛子、笙、拉(胡琴、大提琴)、彈(琵琶、揚琴、阮) 及打擊國樂器的青少年參加甄選。甄試內容包括演奏三分鐘左右的自選曲，及節奏感、識(簡)譜能力測試等。除了甄試打擊樂者外，所有參加甄試者需自備樂器。

歐陽東美表示，文協青少年國樂團成立於 2000 年，每年經由甄試活動選拔優秀團員。

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# 霞美陳主席美國展望獎

國際頻道 (International Channel) 第四屆波士頓地區的 [We the People] 節於九月十二日晚上六時假波士頓海港大飯店 (Boston Harbor Hotel) 舉行。這項活動的宗旨在慶祝少數族裔對美國社會的貢獻。歷年來，主辦單位都會在這個活動中頒「美國展望」獎 (2004 Vision in America) 給一名卓越的地區領導者，以表揚他們對提升少數族裔生活努力。得獎人為華美福利會董事會主席陳美霞 (Mary Chin)。

頒獎典禮由國際頻道地區行銷經理 Marco Ghedini 主持，除簡單介紹國際頻道為少數族裔服務的宗旨外，也感謝各界人士熱情參與和支持。該次活動共有逾70人參加。

陳美霞出生在麻州羅威爾的一個中國移民家庭。陳是一位執照社會工作者，在波士頓醫療中心 (Boston Medical Center, BMC) 擔任行為健康門診部的臨床主任達十八年。

在專業工作外，陳美霞也義務地接任華美福利會的董事會主席達有二十餘年。在陳美霞的領導下，華美福利會被譽為提升波士頓之亞裔社區勞力發展的模範機構之一。光在兩千零三年，有超過一萬一千個移民人次得到華美福利會的諮詢、工作培訓、讀寫能力及找工作等各方面的服務及幫助。華美福利會為增加服務功能及品質，目前正致力籌款建樓的工作。

在接過獎項後，陳美霞致詞感謝各界對她本人及華美福利會的支持與愛護。另外劍橋市市長也以賀函向她道賀。此次頒獎晚會中，國際頻道及 Comcast 傳播公司也為華美福利會籌款活動共享盛舉，捐出一千元。

當天會中並播放「在美國的日子... 庫比蒂諾的故事」(In America - The Cupertino Story) 紀錄



(圖：國際頻道行銷經理 (右一) Corey Penn 及 Comcast 傳播公司行銷經理 (右二) Marco Ghedini 共同將一千元捐款的象徵支票交給華美福利會董事會主席陳美霞 (左一) )

(補充：上期在預告這項頒獎消息時，誤將 Vision in America 翻為美國視覺獎。在此向讀者說明致歉。本期採美國展望一詞更符合獎項意義。)



(圖：該次 We the People 活動共有逾70人參加。陳美霞 (前坐右一))

片，描述加州矽谷庫比蒂諾的華裔如何在美國努力進取的故事紀錄片，片中記述庫比蒂諾的華裔社區感動人心的故事，及他們突出的政治力量。

問：甚麼是膽固醇？  
答：膽固醇是脂肪的一種，它是構成細胞壁、膽汁及各種荷爾蒙的主要成份。膽固醇主要是由身體製造，亦可以從食物中吸取，與血液中的各種脂蛋白結合，被輸送到身體各部份。

膽固醇在人體內的調節

大部份人都能自動調節體內的膽固醇份量，在進食大量高膽固醇的食物後，身體自然會減少製造，如果進食得少，身體則增加製造，補充需要。不過有些人在這方面的調節效，體內膽固醇的含量會在進食大量的高膽固醇食物後顯著升

高。

## 膽固醇過高的危險

血液中的膽固醇如果過高，便可能積聚在血管的內壁上，使這些血管變得狹窄甚麼形成閉塞。若這種情況發生在

身體的冠狀動脈之內，便會引致冠狀動脈心臟病，即冠心病。同樣，腦部的血管也可因膽固醇積聚而閉塞或爆裂，做成中風，引致半身不遂及死亡。

供應血液給心臟肌肉的冠狀動脈之內，怎樣預防膽固醇過高？要預防膽固醇過高，以減低患上冠心病的機會，便應養成良好的生活習慣。要注意的地方包括：

• 注意飲食減少進食高膽固醇的食物如肥肉、煎炸食物、蛋黃、墨魚和動物內臟；多吃蔬菜、水果和乾豆類等高纖維食物。

膽固醇和有關脂蛋白的理想水平  
膽固醇藉著與血液中各種不同密度的脂蛋白結合，被輸送到身體各部份。血內的膽固醇和低密度脂蛋白膽固醇含量愈高，冠心病發生的機會便愈大，相反地，高密度脂蛋白膽固醇則有保護作用，可減底冠心病發生的機會。

膽固醇和有關脂蛋白的水平，可由驗血得知。以下是根據統計得出來的理想水平表，以供參考：

膽固醇及有關脂蛋白理想水平 (毫克份子)  
• 膽固醇：少於五點二  
• 低密度脂蛋白膽固醇：少於三點四  
• 高密度脂蛋白膽固醇：多於零點九

如家人曾患心臟病或血管疾病，更應特別注意，最好在踏入中年以後，請醫生定期檢查身體。

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